

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

PANDAS WORKGROUP

June 26, 2019, 2:00 – 5:00

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**I. Opening Remarks, Including Meeting Schedule**

July 24, 2019

All meetings will be held at the Maryland Insurance Administration Hearing Room, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor

**II. Discussion Topics – Focus on Carriers**

What are the policies and criteria to determine if IVIG or Rituximab will be covered to treat PANDAS that has not responded to antibiotics? How are the criteria developed? How many requests for authorization are received, and how many are approved?

What medical specialty is considered appropriate to make a decision to approve or disapprove a request?

How many physicians are in the network to treat PANDAS? How many facilities will provide infusion or other services to treat PANDAS?

How many requests for referrals under § 15-830 of the Insurance Article are received? How many are granted? How many denials are appealed, and how many appeals are denied?

What is the estimated prevalence of PANDAS?

**III. Wrap Up**